SPRING NEWSLETTER

Join us!

Monthly Luncheons

Diabetic Luncheon – Every 1st Wednesday of the month

Elders Luncheon – Every 2nd Wednesday of the month

Community Breakfast – Every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Job Opportunities

Summer students: Applicants will be over the age of 14 and must possess a SIN number. Please send a resume and a cover letter to the Band Office by May, 17th, 2019.

Solid Waste Management Program: Applicants will possess a valid driver's license. This is a part-time position to start and will require the operation of a garbage and recycling truck. Curbside pick-up will be conducted on a weekly basis. Please send a resume and a cover letter to the Band Office by May 17th, 2019.

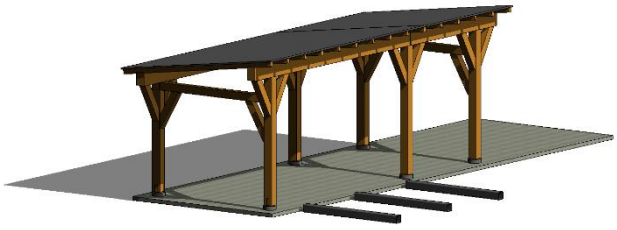
ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

It seems that every time that I get a chance to put together a submission for a newsletter the "old news" has to be pushed aside for "new" news. There is an awful lot going on for this little community. My most important news is the completion of the Yunesit'in Recovery Plan. This was a really big deal! Initially, Duane Hink and Linda Smith helped out a great deal with the gathering of community information and some of the details for losses on the land like fencing and cabins. Many of the items on the Yunesit'in Recovery Plan include a "wish list" of sorts. I have lots of people to thank for dropping by and sharing information. Some of the items are about putting things back to the way they were before the fires, while others are about community improvements and community safety.

MARCH 31, 2019

YUNESIT'IN RECOVERY PLAN

The daycare is progressing along nicely and it should be noted that Yunesit'in has accessed some additional funding for a playground area specifically for children under the age of six. This new playground will be fenced off and have specialized equipment for younger children. We were also successful accessing new funds to make improvements to the existing playground.



The sawmill project has just started up again, the concrete will be poured sometime in the next few days and the structure should start as soon as our material arrives. This will be an exciting addition to the community infrastructure as we will be able to start milling Yunesit'in logs into material for homes.

Speaking of homes, the "cant" home was built as a pilot project using Yunesit'in logs. These logs were initially milled at the Toosey Old School site. In the future, these logs will be milled in Yunesit'in. Yunesit'in was also able to access significant funds for a Solid Waste Management program. This program will start up in the next few months and will see the removal of all of the "dump" sites in the community. In addition, this project will establish a community wide garbage pick-up system and will slowly institute a community wide household recycling program.

ADMINISTRATION

The Nation recently conducted a labour survey. Evidently, Yunesit'in is sitting at approximately 40% unemployment. This seems a little hard to believe as Yunesit'in continues to move forward with numerous projects. Many of the Yunesit'in work projects are obvious: fencing, YDE crews, the greenhouse and various construction projects. Yunesit'in has recently engaged Leading Edge wood products to provide a unique training opportunity for community members. Located in Horsefly B.C., Leading Edge is a manufacturer of a wide variety of superior wood products. Part of the "Forest to Frame" vision, Yunesit'in is now in a position to move trees from the forest to the Yunesit'in mill and off to Leading Edge for all of the bits and pieces that go into a home…hardwood flooring, siding and molding. This continuum of services will see Yunesit'in provide all of the moving parts to construct a Yunesit'in home.

Yunesit'in has been able to access a Federal grant for summer student positions once again. This funding is very specific and we will be looking for applicants over the age of 14. There will be five positions available and applicants must have a social insurance number to be considered. There is a section in the newsletter posting the ad for these positions.

YUNESIT'IN FOREST TO FRAME

The activity level at the Band office is a little more hectic than usual. Year end and preparing for the annual audit is keeping the administrative team busy, busy, busy. Regardless, the Band Office continues to be a meeting place of sorts and members are guaranteed to at least find a cup of coffee regardless of the purpose of their visit!

NITS'IL'IN REPORT

By Russell Myers Ross

I will admit that Yunesit'in Government is doing too much. It is hard to keep up, especially with the Tsilhqot'in Nation gaining momentum on securing funds at the Federal level. I often wonder if it is the strong community demands and expectations or just the things our leadership feel we need to do to move our community and Nation ahead. As you might notice in my report, I believe in good planning, much of my energy is spent on economic initiatives because I think we need a foundation of wealth to support culture and language initiatives and support ongoing investments in infrastructure and housing. Overall, I feel hopeful that we will be able to juggle the pieces into place.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

People may see Marie Beck in community, who is assisting the community with economic development planning, financial forecasting, and supporting upcoming board of directors. Yunesit'in is developing governance, a General Partner and Limited Partnership (LP), for Yunesit'in Greenworks (Greenhouses), Forest 2 Frame (Mill & Leading Edge), and the Bed & Breakfast. The LP is meant for tax exemption and to limit liability to Yunesit'in Government, making these businesses separate from Yunesit'in Council operations. The board will still consist of two Council members, two community members and an external from outside the community. Chris Hild of MNP offered a workshop and shared the Governance Guidebook. Additionally, Tamara Napolean and Merle Alexander have been developing the legal documents.

YUNESIT'IN GREENWORKS

I am consistently updating the Action Plan to ensure leadership have a monthly update and to give Dan Vecter, Grower, a mandate of actions to work with. Don MacKinnon is utilized to hookup the Greenhouses with the Water mainline; with water, the greenhouses will be able to start the lettuce house; most of the seedlings will start in May. Ross Birchall is working on marketing activities, including the website and business material, and updating the Business Plan so it reflects current operational costs. Proposals are being developed to include an on-site facility for office space, storage and preparing foods. Yunesit'in was successful in receiving a CCATEC proposal and will be posting for a Grower Assistant to start in May. Recruitment is ongoing and encourage any community member who has an interest in horticulture to come forward if there is a willingness to go to school for further training.

BED & BREAKFAST

Jim de Hart of Legacy Tourism Group is amending the Business Plan that was completed last year. Dave Kitazaki, who worked with the gym project with DNA before, was retained to start designing the building and I anticipate will be finished in May. I have engaged Michelle Corfield, an NRT advisor, to assist with the Business Plan and financing. All Nations Trust, Shawn & Heather Atleo, and BMO is engaged on potentially providing loans for the project.

GAS STATION

Jay Savage of Vision Quest has completed the Business Plan and it is currently being reviewed. A CORP application was sent to Indigenous Services Canada in January to assist with the designation process and site preparation. Financing will be the next stage and will include looking at grants and approaching banks.

DEER CREEK RANCH

Ty Jasper of Vision Quest will be working on the Feasibility Study. Yunesit'in managed to receive funding for a large portion of the Study, which will explore revenue streams, such as: Cattle and Hay primarily, mixed farming and orchard, and Cannabis and Beef Jerky.

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Yunesit'in is a 37.5% Owner (Tl'esqox 37.5% and Celtic Engineering 25%). The entity was developed after the 2017 Wild Fires to address rehabilitation work that will be conducted on fire affected areas. The current board member for Yunesit'in is Dolly Kershaw. Partners include: Zanzibar Holdings, Celtic Engineering, Eldorado Construction, YDE, CPE, Toosey Old School and CAFÉ. Roughly $2 million dollars revenue has been generated in the past year with project activities, which include:

i. Fire Guard Rehabilitation
ii. Silviculture Surveys
iii. Small Scale Salvage
iv. Mechanical Site Preparation
v. Forestry – layout and beetle probing
vi. Juvenile Spacing Management

vii. Civil Works
viii. Carbon Initiative

On February 25, the owners were able to get an update on projects and finances, and there is a need to develop a Strategic Plan.

ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Carnotech Energy is working with Yunesit'in on an Energy Management System for the commercial buildings. Simply, it is meant to track energy consumption, heating and electric, and allows us to assess it and make improvements to save costs. This is a form of standardization, so it will involve ongoing assessments and mitigations, following a set of policy and procedures. It would be effective in the future to expand this beyond the commercial buildings into new residential houses.

WATER IRRIGAATION & FIRE SUPPRESSION

Don MacKinnon will continue to work on a design to incorporate pooling water from the irrigation ditch and piping it to some fields and add a connection to fire suppression throughout the community. It may also have micro-hydro capacity. The success of this program will likely rely on the traction we receive from the Recovery Plan.

LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION

I will leave it to Paula Laita to share the details of the programs, however, I have stayed appraised of the work and I really feel like our community is unique in gaining momentum on Language Revitalization. I know there is so much to do to bridge the gaps between generations but we are following the Plan as prioritized by the community and seem to be involving more and more participants. In the end, I pray that our programs have the effect of cross-pollination and it serves to encourage further resources for the community and immersion spaces to learn.

DASIQOX TRIBAL PARK

The main activity we are focused on this year will be developing the Management Plan, which will be guided by the Vision Document, which represents the 70-person interviews of Yunesit'in and Xeni Gwet'in. Jonaki Bhattacharyya of the Firelight Group will be developing this and be in the community for further input.

Another large proposal that was submitted recently is the Nature Fund; this fund would provide significant funding over 4 years to establish an Indigenous Conservation Protected Area; this is a 2020 target of the federal government to protect up to 17% of Canada's landmass.

Other initiatives includes cabin funding directed to Alice William at Yannah Biny; Grizzly Research project is ongoing with Sue Senger; Seeking another LUSH grant on Communications with Lesli Boldt; and Patogonia film provided $25,000 for film support for Jeremy Williams to do more projects.

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LANDS DEPARTMENT

I used remaining BCCI funds, originally used to support the Cumulative Effects Framework, which was temporarily shelved, to add 4 trainees over 5 weeks to do training with the TNG Guardianship/Ranger Program, Referrals, Dasiqox Tribal Park orientation, Cumulative Effects orientation and some field work with the TNG tablets and software. Additionally, the funds were to setup the Lands Office at the portable.

INDIGENOUS FIRE MANAGEMENT

I have been working with William Nikolakis, Gathering Voices Society, to develop a project and after the 2017 wildfires we focused on exploring a Fire Management program similar to those organized by Aborigines in Australia. Vic Steffensen visited Yunesit'in and Xeni Gwet'in November 27-28 of 2018, inviting supporting organizations and provincial staff. He will return this April for most of the month to shared methods of prescribed burning on-reserve. There was initial support from the Fire Centre and the District Manager in assisting this pilot. While it is a simple project, it requires a fair bit of partners, a link to negotiations, the recovery plan and tripartite agreement post-wildfires, and seeking funding opportunities to build capacity within the communities.

UBC ARCHITECTURE

I have been in touch with UBC Architecture, namely John Bass, over two years to design a housing project for the community. We failed to get seed funding last year to launch the project but we were both eager to move ahead anyways. The intent was to build-on the community discussion that started when a select committee was developed in 2015 with Dave Kitazaki and the AYO Smart Home: 3 concepts were developed and 6 optional designs were drawn. The intent of these discussions was to have a community-led initiative talk about the style, design and landscape of houses that could be built, which incorporate our unique land, climate, energy needs, traditional housing methods and our resources in both carpentry and the milled timber products that Yunesit'in is slowly developing. In my latest conversations, it appears that I have secured a student from UBC, Marion Gelinas, who may be able to dedicate time on a project during the later Spring and Summer months. There is a connection with Mandela Homes that John Bass has fostered as well. Ongoing site plans and lot development may be the next step in setting up locations for potential house construction.

HOUSING & FOREST TO FRAME

Gabe Pukacz is leading the way on Leading Edge these past few months, to develop housing product and determine a path financially to look at the opportunity. The mill site is being set up across from the Greenhouses with the anticipation of starting in June 2019.

My role is to play as support in some of the partnerships and funding opportunities. For one, the Tsilhqot'in Nation is utilizing Shawn Wiebe, as he shifts from Lands & Resources to Housing & Infrastructure. The main mandate is to develop a Nation Housing Authority and to channel funds to our own organization instead of relying on CMHC and ISC. While there are many moving parts in this scenario, which may not be officially public, I am hopeful this will be developed from our community and nation Housing Plans and not pre-determined programs that may not necessarily fit our immediate needs.

Another partnership link that is being maintained is with Ecotrust Canada. I have worked with Satnam Manhas off-and-on for nearly 5 years (Ecostrust Canada assisted with the Business Plan and training with the mill and Forestry Analysis for the Dasiqox Tribal Park), but he left the organization in January. Pamela Perreault is a new employee focused on the "Tree to Home" concept, akin to Forest to Frame, and will be assisting with upcoming funding opportunities focused on housing.

TSILHQOT'IN NATION

There is a fair amount of work happening at the Nation-level and I feel that we are on the cusp of serving communities better overall. Highlights of Nation activities include:

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a. Economic Development – a focused effort is being made to develop the Dandzen Corporate Governance; Gabe Pukacz is the Yunesit'in director currently. Activities include planning, forums, feasibility studies, and scoping new opportunities. In addition, there was some disappointment in failing to receive the $150 million dollar road maintenance bid. On another note, the solar farm will commence soon in May and should be completed by July.
b. Housing – the federal government has invested significant dollars to the Tsilhqot'in for planning, along with new housing and renovations. The two main activities include developing a Housing Authority and training capacity.
c. Nation Funding – under Shawnee Palmantier, there is a focus on the Women's Council; Micole Myers and Brittney Hink were selected by Yunesit'in Council to be representives.
d. Wildfire Report & Tripartite Agreement – after a year of interviews, the Wildfire Report is complete and has been circulated with the BC and Federal government. Alongside the Recovery Plans, this is meant to accelerate discussions on finding the resources to better equip the Tsilhqot'in Nation and communities in responding to Emergencies and hopefully develop infrastructure and programs to be proactive in preventing future crisises.
e. Tripartite Agreement with Federal Government – the Nenqay Deni Accord sets out a framework for negotiating with the Provincial Government. Since the Prime Minister visited Xeni, there was a commitment to work on a Pathway to developing a similar, comprehensive, negotiating framework. This is meant to be signed in the summer months.
f. Fisheries – A Fisheries Vision has been formed based on interviews with Elders in each Tsilhqot'in community and now a work plan is being developed with ongoing Federal funds to support the initiatives, programs, studies and research.
g. Social Prevention – The Tsilhqot'in communities were granted significant funding in each community to focus on preventative programs. In Yunesit'in, there is a focus on family support, cultural coordinator and program dollars, language programming and traditional parenting.
h. Land Use Plan – The Tsilhqot'in are organizing how to best move forward on the lands portfolio; the Nation-level Land Use Plan will be a priority and the intent is to build off of past work and what each community is doing.

h. Teztan Biny – So much energy, time and resources is being placed on defending Nabas. The exploration permit that was granted in 2017 during the wildfires has gone through the BC Court and recently the BC Court of Appeal; on both accounts, the Courts sided with the Province that it was reasonable to grant the permit based on existing BC legislation. The Nation returned to court to seek an injunction, which was granted, while we seek leave to the Supreme Court of Canada. This is significant because it will test the strength of Aboriginal Rights.

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YUNEŜIT'IN LANGUAGE PROJECTS

Hunilht'ih? It was a busy fall and winter in Yuneŝit'in for *Nenqayni Ch'ih* learning. Last year Yuneŝit'in Government was granted with federal and provincial multi-year funding through First People's Cultural Council to continue implementing Language Plan strategies and addressing community priorities towards Tŝilhqot'in language revitalization in the community: a three-year grant for the Language Nest Program , a three-year grant under the B.C. Language Initiative, and a two-year grant under the Aboriginal Language Initiative.

Nenqayni T'ox – Yuneŝit'in Language Nest Program (2018-2019)

Nenqayni T'ox – Yuneŝit'in Language Nest

Nenqayni T'ox – Yuneŝit'in Language Nest Program is on its fourth year now! Selina Myers and Annie Myers continue to nurture our 3-4 year olds in the language and cultural values Monday through Thursday from 8am to 1pm at the Daycare building. This year we have been lucky to have a third fluent speaker at the Nest with Dorothy Myers as Cook/Janitor, preparing daily yummy breakfasts, lunches and snacks for us.

Language Apprentice Joann Setah is back to the Nest this year to help with the art projects and other Nest daily activities, while learning the language with the children. Elders and fluent speakers continue visiting the Nest and sharing their language and cultural knowledge with us: Marlene Hink taught us how to bead; Sarah Myers cooked *bannock* for us; Maria Myers sang and drummed with us and told us stories; and William Myers shared his knowledge about trapping and animals. He also invited us and Yuneŝit'in ʔEsgul K-2 students to visit his cabin and check out some of the traps he had set up the night before – we learned how to snowshoe and even got to see *sesugh* (fisher)!

Nenqayni T'ox – Language Nest Program will keep running until the end of June and resume again in September for another school year.

Language Mentorship Program (BCLI 2018-2019)

The Language Mentorship Program started up again in the fall with new mentors and apprentices. Language Apprentices Joann Setah, Skyann Setah, Larissa Myers, Brittany Hink and April Brigham have been learning the language for the last few months with Language Mentors Maria Myers, Selina Myers, Dinah Haines, Tina Setah, Linda Smith and Christine Hink. They have also been doing group language work, like creating flashcards and new language booklets for youth and adults that may be used in current language programs, such as the Language Nest and the language class at the school.

Apprentices Brittany Hink and Larissa Myers preparing *nuwish*

The group may support future language initiatives and events in the community and find other opportunities to share what they have learned during the project.

YUNEŜIT'IN LANGUAGE PROJECTS

Nenqayni Ch'ih Yaŵeltɬig – Tŝilhqot'in Language Course (ALI 2018-2019)

Tŝilhqot'in Language Course with Maria Myers

A Language Course for adult learners was taught by Maria Myers on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for eight weeks in February and March at Yuneŝit'in ʔEsgul. There were 18 students registered with sustained attendance. Every night, the group also got to share an awesome meal kindly prepared by Charleen Brigham and Rose Marie Quilt – *Sechanalyagh!*

Course curriculum and lesson plans have been developed by Linda Smith and Maria Myers and may be used for future language teaching projects and the language class at the school. It covers topics such as greetings and goodbyes, survival words, food and beverages, clothing, songs, stories and cultural activities like preparing *nuwɬsh* (ice cream) and *bedzɬsh ts'ediyan* (Labrador tea).

Due to growing interest, a second round of the course is being held for four weeks in April.

Yuneŝit'in Language Committee (ALI 2018-2019)

Yuneŝit'in Language Committee resumed their activity in the fall and has held quarterly meetings in order to oversee language projects and discuss community priorities and needs regarding potential language projects and development of new language resources. A Terms of Reference (ToR) document was also signed by the Committee in March.

Yuneŝit'in Language Committee meeting

Yuneŝit'in Language Committee is formed by Chief and Council members, language experts and teachers, elders, fluent speakers, youth and community members. As per ToR, at the moment, current Language Committee members are Chief Russell Myers Ross, Douglas Myers, Lena Hink, Joanna Haines, Maria Myers, Selina Myers, Celestine Brigham, Valerie Setah, Becky Billyboy and Sonya Lulua.

YUNEŜIT'IN LANGUAGE PROJECTS

Research Project (2017-2019)

Sharing circle at Yuneŝit'in ʔEsgul with Indigenous Australian MA student Bhiamie Williamson and his wife Maddeline Bye

The collaborative Research Project on Tŝilhqot'in language revitalization in Yuneŝit'in run by Yuneŝit'in Government and myself, as a PhD student of the University of the Basque Country, is close to an end and final results will be available to the community soon. This project followed indigenous methodologies and participatory and community-based research principles. Community knowledge was gathered through semi-structured conversations, sharing circles and document analysis of meeting minutes, language materials and other related documents.

To ensure representation of the different community perspectives, members of all Yuneŝit'in families and generations were engaged in the project. Yuneŝit'in Chief and Council members, Language Committee members, language teachers and experts, and Health & Administration staff also participated. Results represent Yuneŝit'in community perspectives on the following: Tŝilhqot'in language knowledge and usage; main reasons and consequences of the language loss in the community; importance of revitalizing the language; strategies to promote language use; priorities, challenges and strategies to teach/learn/acquire the language; and development of language resources.

Project outcomes will help enhance the current Language Plan and will be presented to the community on the following months.

Upcoming Language Projects

As for near-future language projects, the Language Committee will start planning soon a **language immersion and culture camp** for youth for the summer/fall seasons and other **language and cultural activities** may be organized in the summer months as well. Further details will be provided to the community on the upcoming months.

On the next months, the Committee will also be working on producing **new language resources**, such as online storybooks in collaboration with UBC Department of Language and Literacy Education and the Indigenous Storybooks project, as well as Tŝilhqot'in children's board books under the Success By 6 initiative. A Tŝilhqot'in Phrase book produced by Linda Smith may be also completed. When finalized, all new language resources will be made available to the community.

It is indeed exciting times for the language in Yuneŝit'in. The awesome work that the community has been doing builds on a solid foundation and provides strength and momentum for ongoing and future work towards Nenqayni Ch'ih revitalization in Yuneŝit'in. *Gunzun!*

HOUSING

Jackson Crick

Two new houses are being built in Yunesit'in as part of the construction training. The two new houses are both two-bedroom rental homes and rental applications will be available at the band office in **June 2019.** To qualify for these rental homes, you must be willing to pay rent (the monthly rental amount will be assessed on completion of construction), you must be employed full-time and no more than two people will be allowed to occupy each house.

Rent for houses in Yunesit'in is going to begin this year and will be based on the number of bedrooms or square footage of each home. Each house will be inspected for health and safety and the cost of renovations before rent begins.

Construction and trades training through the Tsilhqot'in Housing Authority is being scheduled to start in September 2019 and will take place at the old school in Toosey. Options are being explored to provide on-site housing and a daily allowance for each participant. If you are interested in taking the training please contact either Jackson or Rosalie.

The Tsilhqot'in Housing Authority (includes all 6 Tsilhqot'in communities). Started in August 2018 (our first meeting) has been working on housing policies, infrastructure needs, construction and trades training for Tsilhqot'in members, and negotiations with BC Housing, CMHC and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) on building new homes and renovating homes in all six Tsilhqot'in communities. See attached newsletter from Tsilhqot'in Housing

DASIQOX TRIBAL PARK INITIATIVE

Jenna Dunsby, Team Coordinator

The Dasiqox Tribal Park Initiative team continues to work on its four main goals to support the DTP Community Vision: (1) protecting the land and biocultural diversity within the Dasiqox watershed, (2) reducing the impacts of industrial resource extraction, (3) developing program capacity to support Yunesit'in & Xeni Gwet'in efforts to revitalize Tsilhqot'in culture on the landscape and build a conservation economy, and (4) build the legitimacy of Dasiqox Tribal Park as a viable alternative for land management by growing support for the Tribal Park with all audiences.

To help achieve these goals, we've been working on several exciting proposals and projects since the start of 2019 – the largest being a submission to the Canadian government to have the Tribal Park recognized as an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area by the Federal and Provincial Governments. This funding ($5 million over 4 years) would help with securing protection for the land – we will find out by this June whether DTP is successful.

Other work since January includes supporting Michelle Myers wrap up the "Traditional Parenting & Land-based Learning" project, with booklets will be available at the Yunesit'in Government office in early May; finishing up a grizzly bear stewardship action framework; identifying management priorities with leadership based on the DTP Community Vision, that will lead to the next phase of the management plan this fall; publishing the DTP Winter 2019 newsletter (available at the YG office); holding community dinners/meetings in both Yunesit'in and Xeni Gwet'in to share updates and the short film in Nenqayni Ch'in about the DTP area; starting up another video project with Jeremy Williams this summer (two paid internships will be available); slowly getting a traditional law project started up; and other fundraising work for core operations, and to continue the Guardian program that Bonnie Myers and Aaron Frank got started on last fall.

We share public updates on the Nexwagwez?an – Dasiqox Tribal Park Facebook page and Twitter account (@DasiqoxTribalPk) – or for more information, you can always contact me at 778-957-5560 or info@dasiqox.org. Sechanalyagh!

Fire Safety Tips for Preventing House Fires, from the Laundry Room to the Kitchen

Ignorance may be bliss but when it comes to your home, house fire prevention is something you need to know. Can you even imagine losing your home? A house fire is a homeowner's worst nightmare. Despite being brought up with knowledge of and tips about fire prevention, most house fires still start because of the smallest things.

Top 10 Most Common Causes of House Fires

According to Real Insurance, almost all home fires can be traced back to one of these factors.

- **Cooking equipment** (e.g., leaving pots or pans to overheat on the stove)
- **Heating** (e.g., leaving portable heaters or furnaces on near clothes, furniture, and curtains)
- **Smoking in bedrooms**
- **Electrical equipment** (e.g., appliances that have frayed cords or are plugged into overloaded extension cords or wall outlets)
- **Candles** (keep them away from curtains, tissue boxes, books, and other similar household items)
- **Curious children** (if there are any open flames, make sure to keep them and matches or lighters out of reach of children)
- **Faulty wiring** (you may have hazardous wiring if lights dim when you use other appliances or you have to disconnect one to use another)
- **Barbeques** (cook with them away from tablecloths, garbage or recycling bins, and plants or tree branches)
- **Flammable liquids** (keep things such as kerosene or gas away from heat sources)
- **Lighting** (be sure to use safe bulbs and lampshades that don't overheat)

How Clothes Dryers Can Start Home Fires

One tiny, lazy habit could be putting the safety of your family at risk. How many times have you either forgotten or refused to clean the lint trap after finishing multiple loads of laundry? Even though we're the ones at fault, somehow, we are always blown away by how much lint builds up over the course of your clothes drying.

If you do not regularly clean out your lint trap, the risk of a house fire occurring increases massively. As your drying machine goes through its cycle, it goes from comfortably warm to quite hot. At a certain point, if all that lint, dust or debris is sitting in the trap or dryer vents, it's like kindling for a campfire and can easily burst into flames.

Home Clothes Dryer Fires: Facts

- Home clothes dryer fires occur in the fall and winter months, and peak in January
- At 34%, failure to clean the dryer (especially lint traps) is the leading cause of home clothes dryer fires
- Each year, people report 2,900 home clothes dryer fires
- Out of the 2,900 of them, they cause an average of 5 deaths, 100 injuries, and $35 million in property loss

11 Home Clothes Dryer Fire Prevention Tips

It's such a simple task, yet so many people either forget or refuse to clean their lint traps. So, here are some fire prevention tips you should try and remember the next time you do laundry.

- Make sure to use the correct electrical plug and outlet and that it's properly connected (see your dryer's manual for this specific information)
- Before and after each load, clean the lint filter
- Every six months, clean the lint filter with a nylon brush
- Every three months, clean any trapped lint out of the dryer vents
- Make sure the vents behind the dryer are not damaged or restricted
- If you have coiled-wire foil or plastic venting, try to replace it with a non-ribbed metal duct
- Keep your dryer area clear of any household items that can burn
- If you go away for a few days or more, unplug/disconnect the dryer as a preventative measure
- Don't overload the clothes dryer
- Don't leave the clothes dryer running if you're asleep or out of your home

Thankfully, home fires are avoidable and with a little bit of extra work, you can live with the wonderful comfort of knowing you're doing all that you can do to keep your family safe. We hope you found this fire safety article helpful and, if you did, feel free to send these fire prevention tips to your friends and family. Together, we can help prevent the terrible tragedy of house fires.

TSILHQOT'IN HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORTING

Background: In order to support wellness within our communities, the Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG) Chiefs have prioritized housing as part reconciliation negotiations with the Government of Canada. In May 2018, the Chiefs directed the development of a comprehensive Nation level Housing Strategy that could support negotiations with the Government of Canada, contribute to a proposal for funding from the Province of BC, and improve long-term housing for the Tsilhqot'in people. TNG and the six Tsilhqot'in Housing Managers, known as the 'Tsilhqot'in Housing Authority', worked together to ensure the Strategy was reflective of community needs and interests, and includes:

I. *Building the Capacity of Tsilhqot'in deni:*
   - *Home Care & Maintenance (publications, workshops, and regular reporting)*
   - *Develop in community trades training opportunities.*

II. *Building Community Capacity:*
   - *Housing Committees*
   - *Organizational capacity (software, housing policies, etc.)*

III. *Researching Needs:*
   - *Identify Tsilhqot'in deni housing needs, current and projected (including housing conditions for major repairs)*
   - *Identify current unallocated infrastructure to prepare to build new homes*

IV. *Develop Housing Laws and Standards:*
   - *Tsilhqot'in Building Code*

V. *Leverage Resources (Human, Financial, Other)*

Since our last quarterly report in October, the Housing Authority has:

- Met monthly to advance implementation of the strategy
- Completed a draft Housing Authority vision and mission statement
- Completed a Terms of Reference
- Developed a Work Plan
- Begun work to enhance all Housing Policies to align with best practices
- Begun research on enhancing community capacity with needed software to improve Housing management
- Completing research to prepare for a proposal to build capacity and homes with the support of BC Housing for interested communities that are willing to build multi-unit housing.
- Developing additional training for Carpentry Foundations and a second Bridging to Trades Training.
- Engaged an expert to develop a strategic roadmap to create a Tŝilhqot'in Building Code
- Pursuing a Pilot Project with BC Housing to complete a Housing Conditions study
- Laying the foundation for Federal support to conduct major repairs and build homes.

Vision: Tsilhqot'in Deni enjoy quality affordable housing and infrastructure that contributes to improved quality of life.

Mission: Tsilhqot'in Housing Managers work together as one Nation towards their vision through collaboration on research, planning, and development, for the benefit of current and future generations.

The Housing Authority will continue to meet monthly, and rotating in each community.

For more information on the Tsilhqot'in Housing Authority please feel free to contact

- Jackson Crick, Yunesit'in Government Housing Manager
  Email: housing@yunesitin.ca

or

- Shawn Wiebe, Tsilhqot'in National Government - Negotiations & External Affairs
  Ph: (778) 799-2145 Ext:2850

FSW/CHR

Beverly Quilt

Well hello to the people of Yunesit'in. Time for our newsletter. Firstly, sure glad the snow is all gone now. Winter was way too long this year and man was it ever cold. February hovered around the -30 for the whole month. Good to see the members popping into the office every once in a while. Stop in and chat. I know some days my office is constantly has some one in it, but I like to talk to the people as they stop by the office.

As, for my job, it fluctuates on a daily basis, sometimes I have a swinging door with numerous people in and out of my office. Other days I don't see a single soul. Our community had two loses, we lost Isaac Myers March 31, 2019 and the next morning April 1, 2019 we lost Andrew Quilt. My condolences to Dorothy Myers and her children Bruce, Darnell, Shona and Lawrence. Also, to Andrew's family Sharen, Shyanne, Kimberly and Andrea.

This week we will be starting community work which was known as company work previously. Tillie and myself will probably be burning and cleaning by the dump. Bear better be on break when we are down there. On April 30 we will be honoring our elders with a luncheon at the health clinic and on May 29, 2019 at 5pm at the School Gym. We will be honoring current and past caregivers. This means people who have had foster kids or even those who had family members kids in their homes. Denisiqi with be giving gift cards and a supper for them. There will be door prizes (good ones) and a game for the kids. Also, people will be encouraged to sign up to be a foster parent. I encourage everyone to attend. I heard through the grapevine that people will be going back to work fencing and fire crew. I heard that people at lookout have started. Two members from our community are there.

I would like to remind people who went to day school to submit their applications and those who were in foster care to submit their applications. Deadlines are fast approaching.

I really don't have much to say as I can't mention my clients by name and to those who need to see me or talk to me feel free to come in, I am usually in my office, but if I am not in ask Roberta at the front desk. She knows when I will be back in the office. So, enjoy the weather while it is nice. I know I will be.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Tillie Harry

I don't have much to report, other than trying to keep on top of my files and reports. April is renewing your files, application, ID's, copy of your tax returns, and child benefits copy. I went to Income Reform Workshop in Vancouver, some of the questions asked were; "What can indigenous services do for people on social assistance". I have enclosed some of the questions/policy. Social Assistance has gone up three months ago. I have also enclosed rates for Employable, PPMB, Disabilities and COPH.

Sechanelyagh,

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of Yunesit'in

INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RATE TABLE

IA PROGRAM SUPPORT AND MAXIMUM SHELTER ALLOWANCE

CLIENT CATEGORY		SUPPORT RATE/BASIC NEEDS	
EFFECTIVE DATE		October 1, 2017	April 1, 2019
EMPLOYABLE RATES (under 65)	Single	$335.00	$385.00
	Couple	$407.22	$507.22
	Couple with Children	$501.06	$601.06
	Single Parent	$475.58	$525.58
EMPLOYABLE RATES (over 65)	Single > 65	$631.42	$681.42
	Single Parent > 65	$772.08	$822.08
	Couple w/ 1 > 65	$800.56	$900.56
	Couple w/ 1 > 65 with Children	$894.56	$994.56
	Couple both > 65	$1,049.06	$1,149.06
	Parents both > 65 With Children	$1,143.06	$1,243.06
PERSONS PERSISTENT AND MULTIPLE BARRIERS RATES	Single (1 PPMB)	$382.92	$432.92
	Single Parent (1 PPMB)	$523.58	$573.58
	Couple (1 PPMB)	$496.22	$596.22
	Couple with Children (1 PPMB)	$590.06	$690.06
	Couple (Both PPMB)	$552.06	$652.06
	Couple with Children (Both PPMB)	$646.06	$746.06

EFFECTIVE DATE		Sept 1, 2016	April 1, 2017	October 1, 2017	January 1, 2018	April 1, 2019
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES RATES *PWD Basic Needs Rate PLUS $52 TSA (or bus pass) per PWD client each month	Single	$556.42	$606.42	$706.42	$758.42	$808.42
	Couple W/ 1 PWD & other <65	$725.56	$775.56	$875.56	$927.56	$1,027.56
	Couple with Children (1 PWD)	$819.56	$869.56	$969.56	$1,021.56	$1,121.56
	Single Parent	$697.08	$747.08	$847.08	$899.08	$949.08
	Couple (Both PWD)	$999.06	$1,099.06	$1,299.06	$1,403.06	$1,503.06
	2 Parent Family w/ 1 adult >65 & other PWD	$1,068.06	$1,118.06	$1,218.06	$1,270.06	$1,370.06
	Couple w/ 1>65 & other PWD	$974.06	$1,024.06	$1,124.06	$1,176.06	$1,276.06
	Couple with Children (Both PWD)	$1,093.06	$1,193.06	$1,393.06	$1,497.06	$1,597.06

MISC RATES		SHELTER RATES		COPH	
Diet Supplement	$10 to $50/month	Single	$375.00	Age	Rates
Natal Supplement	$45/month	Family of two	$570.00	0-5 yrs	$257.46
December/Christmas Bonus	$35 single, $70 couples and couples with kids + $10 per child	Family of three	$660.00	6-9 yrs	$271.59
Canada Child Benefit Top-Up	195.02 (1st child), $172.54 (2nd child), $164.18 (3rd+ child)	Family of four	$700.00	10-11 yrs	$314.31
Comfort Allowance	$95/month	Family of five	$750.00	12-13 yrs	$357.82
PWD Comfort Allowance	$222 + $52 TSA = $274/month	Family of six	$785.00	14-17 yrs	$402.70
PWD Monthly Nutritional	Vitamins + Minerals: $165.00 Add. Nutritional Items: $40.00	*Note: Add $35 for each extra family member over 6*		18 years	$454.32
PWD Transportation	$52 (single) $104 (couple)				

EARNINGS EXEMPTIONS	FUNERAL COSTS	
Regular IA+PPMB Clients Tracked **MONTHLY**	**Funeral Item**	**Funeral Cost**
Singles + Couples: $400	**Funeral provider's basic**	Up to $1285
Family units w/ dependent child: $600	**Other items or services**	Up to $815
Family units with PPMB/disabled child: $700	**Transportation**	Km 0 to 32 in basic service Km 33 to 82 is $1.00/km Km 83 to 182 is $0.90/km Km above 182 is $0.60/km
PWD Clients - Tracked **ANNUALLY (Jan 1-Dec 31)**		
Single: $12,000		
Couple, 1 is PWD: $14,400	**Cost of urn**	Up to $200
Couple, both are PWD: $24,000	**Casket**	Equivalent to Imperial #2 HP cloth-covered casket + merchandising 20% mark up + cost of freight

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Income Assistance Frequently Asked Questions for Clients/Applicants

Policy

Q: Who creates the income assistance policy? Is my Band Social Development Worker (BSDW) just making up policy?

A: The Income Assistance policy is developed and issued by **Indigenous Services Canada (ISC),** and is meant to align with the IA program offered by the province of BC. BSDWs administer ISC's IA program on-reserve.

Your Band Social Development Worker does not make up policy. ***The BSDW's job is just to follow the policy that is issued by ISC, and they are unable to make any changes.***

Q: What happens if the worker or band does not follow policy?

A: Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) reviews client files on a regular basis to make sure eligibility requirements are met. If the Band Social Development Worker does not follow policy, ISC may recover the money that was incorrectly paid.

Q: What is an example where there would be a recovery of funds/the band would need to pay back money?

A: An example is if the Band Social Development Worker (BSDW) gave a client the maximum amount of shelter, but there is no documentation (e.g. bills, rental agreement) to verify the cost.

Shelter

Q: Why don't I get my full shelter amount?

A: Shelter allowance is based on **actual costs**. This means that you are not entitled to get the full amount each month, unless your documented shelter expenses are equal or higher than the maximum for your family unit. For example, if your only shelter expense every month is $60 hydro, you will only receive $60 shelter to pay hydro, even if your shelter maximum is $375. In some cases, the band may pay your shelter costs directly, so you only receive your basic needs support.

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Q: What are considered eligible shelter expenses (shelter expenses that can be covered)?

A: Possible ones are rent (sometimes), hydro, utilities, maintenance/repairs (if you own your own home), cord wood, propane, and a landline phone. There are some cases where not everything can be covered, for example rent cannot be covered if you are living in the same space as your landlord. You need to talk to your Band Social Development Worker to determine which of your shelter expenses are eligible. You also need to bring in your bills and documents showing actual costs each month.

Q: Why do I need to bring in my shelter bills each month?

A: Shelter is based on **actual costs**. In order to cover your shelter expenses, there has to be proof of these costs, which is why you need to bring in your bills.

Q: Who pays for home repairs or maintenance?

A: Major home repairs or maintenance can only be covered by income assistance if you own your own home, verified through a Certificate of Possession, Cardex holdings, or custom holdings recognized in writing by Council). If you are renting a home from someone, then it is the homeowner's responsibility to cover repairs and maintenance. If you live in a band-owned home, then the band is responsible for repairs and maintenance.

Hardship Assistance

Q: Why do I need to repay hardship if I'm awaiting other benefits?

A: Income assistance is a program of last resort. This means that if you have other sources of income, or are waiting for other sources of income, you may not be eligible for regular income assistance. If you are awaiting other benefits, you will need to repay the hardship assistance once you get that income.

Q: In what circumstances is hardship repayable?

A: There must be a repayment agreement for hardship in the following cases:

- If you are awaiting benefits (e.g. going to be getting EI/CPP/WCB/etc.);
- If you are awaiting income from any other source (e.g. getting a settlement soon);
- Where anyone in the family unit has made too much money to be eligible for regular IA (and there are very special circumstances)
- Where anyone in the family unit has assets (cash/savings) too high to be eligible for regular IA

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Q: In what circumstances is hardship NOT repayable?

A: Hardship assistance does not need to be repaid in the following cases:

- Hardship issued when the BSDW has determined the applicant has been a victim of family violence and the client is at risk if they pursue assets or income
- Hardship given for a sponsorship breakdown (i.e. for new immigrants if the person sponsoring them for permanent resident status/ or the spouse or common-law partner cannot or will no longer support them)
- Hardship given for a person or family with insufficient identification - You must show you have applied for the new ID, are just waiting to get it, and that you are eligible for IA in every other way.

Earnings

Q: Why do I need to submit my paystubs if I am working?

A: You need to demonstrate that you are in need of income assistance each month. This is done by showing any income you have had in the past month. This allows your Band Social Development Worker to see if you are still eligible for income assistance.

Q: What happens if I don't submit my paystubs?

A: If you are working and you choose not to submit your paystubs, you may be cut off income assistance. Your responsibility as an Income Assistance client/applicant is that you let the worker know of any changes in your circumstances that might affect your eligibility for IA.

Q: Can I work and still be eligible for income assistance?

A: Yes – while on income assistance, you can work and continue to build job skills. Depending on your family units, you can earn some money without it affecting your income assistance. Please talk to your Band Social Development Worker to determine your earnings exemptions.

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Fraud

Q: What happens if I don't tell the truth about my income and family situation?

A: If you **knowingly** give false information (commit fraud) so you can get income assistance, there may be consequences, including being cut off IA or being criminally charged. This may happen if:

- You don't tell your worker about income you have
- You collect income assistance from two places (e.g. on and off-reserve)
- You pretend to be a single when in fact you have a partner/spouse
- You collect unemployment insurance and social assistance and don't tell your Band Social Development Worker

Q: What happens to someone if fraud is suspected?

A: Fraud is a serious offence, and you may be liable to prosecution under the *Criminal Code of Canada*. If fraud is suspected, the BSDW will first contact you to get more information. You may be required to provide documents or proof that your actions are not fraudulent. If the BSDW believes that fraud has occurred, you can be cut off income assistance.

Q: What rights do I have if I am cut off from Income Assistance, or I don't receive benefits I believe I am entitled to?

A: You have the right to appeal. If you ask your worker for the appeals form (SA 140), they are required to give it to you. You will fill out a portion of it explaining why you are appealing the decision to be cut off, then the worker will fill out a portion of the form too. You can both attach any supporting documents you have (e.g. bills, emails, etc.), then it must be sent to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) where your Funding/Field Services Officer will review all the information provided.

There are some things that cannot be appealed, including:

- Eligibility requirements, including having to complete an application, and being required to tell your worker of any changes in your circumstances (e.g. declaring your income and showing it)
- The amount of assistance rates as stated by policy
- Rate changes

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YUNESIT'IN HEALTH DIRECTOR

Jessica Doerner

Yunesit'in Health would like to send out our sincerest condolences to the grieving families of Andrew Quilt and Issac Myers. They will be missed. This is a challenging time and we wish to embrace you all with support and love and light. Many members have been lost over my short term as health director and grief and loss weighs on many people.

Yunesit'in Health will be setting a date for Grief and Loss workshop and hopefully an upcoming Sacred Yuipi ceremony for all those that would like to join.

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Spring has finally come to us and the Health clinic is buzzing with planning and activity. We are so fortunate to have such a strong and capable team of individuals serving the community. I would like to welcome our new home and community support worker and cultural coordinator Aggie Harry, and our still a little bit new home support worker Tara Myers. They are a welcome addition to the home and community care program completed by Dawnalyn Bruin the nurse for our elders and diabetics.

Special thank you –SECHANALYAGH-- to the kind and supportive elders and knowledge keepers who guide and look after us in the activities we offer and work that we do with their prayers, smudging and guidance.

Over the last few months, Health has embraced, an Opioid Awareness event, a Health Challenge, monthly traditional healing support with Catherine Haller, frequent Sweatlodge Ceremonies, a Traditional Parenting workshop, the Diabetes road show, talks on Anxiety and Depression, weekly Yoga at the gym, Wellness activities like weekly gym night and crib night for adults, horse therapy for youth working with the Nation, horsemanship program with Michelle Francis and an ongoing Youth program organized by Ashley Q with special events during Spring Break. Michelle Francis is also doing an after-school care horsemanship program with several youth.

Last year the health team worked with Nenqayni Mobile Wellness and Interior Health to deliver a large community event in the school gym focusing on the major Opioid Crisis that exists across the province. Prizes, Naloxone training, story sharing and learning was offered to many participants. Many thank yous to Rosalie for MC and Merle and Ashley for organizing.

An eight-week health challenge is underway with many staff and members embracing new choices around healthy foods, healthy activity and selfcare practices. Elders, School staff, community members, council members, admin and health staff have all joined to work together to active and healthier. Even a few out of town members have gotten excited and set personal goals to achieve higher wellbeing. Way to go everyone! Keep it up.

April 29th is our wrap up day for the health challenge. Those who have registered have a chance to win big prizes. Thank you, Tillie, for encouraging us to walk!

The Diabetes Road show which saw over 15 members be involved in screening and talks to work with prevention and intervention. Carrier Sekani mobile team and Tsilhqot'in National Government came to work
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with our health staff to deliver this one-day large event! Thank you to all the speakers, members and staff that made this event a success.

We are very fortunate to have access to Duane Hink's sweatlodge and have Dorothy, Duane, and Poncho support the ongoing delivery of sacred sweatlodge delivery for men, woman and children.

Michelle Myers of Xeni Gwet'in joined us for a traditional parenting sharing workshop. After many interviews with Elders and Knowledge keepers of Xeni and Yunesit'in, Michelle shared her findings.

Family Day had hockey, games, prizes and fun organized by Merle and Ashley for families to take on tobacco free, healthy activity food and fun. This event was funded by the FNHA wellness grant and Brighter Futures funds.

Laurie Potter and Daniel Ducheck are the kind and highly qualified Mental Health clinicians who have done so much work already for Yunesit'in. They have been seeing many adults at the library, in the Health Clinic and at several events. They also work in the Yunesit'in school with the youth. They offer one to one confidential counselling support as well as group work. Very powerful tools for our self-care.

Health staff has been embracing quality trainings mostly paid for by First Nations Health Authority. These trainings offer quality self-care, professional and personal development and great improvements to programing.

Collectively we have been to nation based mental health strategic planning sessions, opioid education, elder care education, foot care trainings, death doula trainings, trauma trainings, suicide intervention and prevention skill teachings, basic counselling tools, horse therapy with the nation and nursing conventions. Different staff have gone to respective trainings as pertains to their roles in community. We are fortunate to be able to refresh and learn new tools and funding to bring back to the community.

FNHA nursing team forever delivering great programs like Baby and Me, Naloxone training, Women's wellness, immunizations, Doctor and Nurse practitioner support. A big Welcome Back to Amy Guest! Our nurse was away raising her baby boy and has come back to support our health needs. She has also offered to do a monthly newsletter for the health team! So glad to have you Amy with all your spunk and energy.

Patient Travel dollars, which are supplied by First Nations Health Authority Health benefits funds, are processed and submitted to our funders by Bev Q and Roberta S. For elders in the homecare program, Tara and Aggie will look after your patient travel. These team members work very hard each Monday and Tuesday, along with accounts and finance staff Rhoda and Janet, to book hotels, create gas purchase orders and cheques for members who need to travel for medical appointments and emergency. These monies are only reimbursed to the Band when a confirmation of attendance at the appointment is submitted by members. Many thanks to Bev and Roberta who support our members. Please submit your patient travel requests as soon as possible and the confirmation of attendance

Yunesit'in Wellness camp community planning meetings will be underway soon! Dates are set for July 8th to July 11th

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For women's wellness, we have several women who have signed up for the Woman's Retreat all nations at the Belle Retreat centre with Maggie Ranger. This is on May 31st, June 1st and June 2nd.

Our wonderful nurses will be offering a monthly newsletter to community to keep you in the loop of the health team.

Men's Wellness camp with Nenqayni Mobile Wellness camp will be heading up to Fletcher again June 3rd to June 6th – connect with Merle for engagement and ideas.

We have many new babies being born to Yunesit'in congratulations mom's and dads and families. Please reach out and let us support you and rejoice! We hope you will come to the baby naming ceremony at Yunesit'in Wellness camp.

Loving each day, even when it gets crazy busy, we are still smiling.

All the best and thank you for your visits and messages and fantastic ideas and reminders ☺

Jessica Doerner

Message from Tara Myers

Hi my name is Tara Myers, as you all know I am from Yunesit'in, I lived here since I was about six months old. Was born in New Westminster. As I got older I lived in several different areas. I am happy to be here and apart of our community. What I like the most is there are so much positive people in this community. I see a lot of people making a difference and healthy changes in their lives, which is exciting because this is what makes you so powerful. I like helping people because it is my passion. I really am blissful to see smiles on my clients faces when I come around, knowing that their content to have me in their surroundings. I think you all are so amazing, you guys really are. I have seen changes through out the times I been working. I would like to say that I'm so thankful for all of you and keep up the good work. We are all glad to help our people. The ones who need it most. For others If you aren't able to make it through a situation or whatever your circumstances are I just want you to know that I've been there and I know how it feels. It's not a great feeling I can tell you that, in the end it's all up to you. If you want to make a difference you have to believe in yourself and never give up. You will notice how happy you will become when you do. Tell yourself everyday that you can do it. Whatever your going through you can push through it and just be you. Dream big and reach for the stars and you will see what can happen. Change is great and don't be afraid to take that step. You will be happy you did trust me. Thanks for listening!

Sechanalyah have a great month all. You deserve the best, make it happen! ☺

WELLNESS WORKER

Merle Quilt

Hello everyone Yunesit'in wellness worker Merle Quilt here it's been a good start to the year a lot going on and a lot more in the planning stages for future events , The gym nights have been a hit and the new workout gear we've purchased has been a good step for the community to utilize for our health and fitness my Tuesday night crib nights have been well attended and I am happy with all that have opened up to yoga Mondays as we have an awesome yoga instructor. I look forward to any input on any ideas members have for events or anything they would like to see come to our community my doors are always open or a call or message away and I also have my men's camp coming up on June 3rd to the 6th up at Fletcher Lake with Nenqayni's Mobile Team and setting up a date for us to build a sweat down by the river soon with the men for men and woman to utilize.

Thank you

Merle Quilt

Message from Earl Quilt:

Just a quick thank you to everyone who helped out with Community Work this year. I have been busy with a number of projects on behalf of the Band. I have been jumping onto various activities and events. I accompanied the school on a field trip to Lady Rock. I also completed a Solid Waste Management certification so I can help provide input into the community recycling program. I also recently went to Vancouver to participate in the Income Assistance Reform meetings with Department of Indigenous Services Canada. This month I will be attending the First Nations Water Act Review sessions in Vancouver. I look forward to my meetings with Community Members.

Yunesit'in Comprehensive Community Planning Meeting

TOPIC: HOUSING

LOCATION: Portable--Lands office by the rink

DATE: May 14th, 2019

TIME: 10:00 A.M. to ?

Lunch will be provided

Everyone Welcome!

AGENDA:

1.) GOALS & STRATEGIES

2.) NEW HOMES

3.) HOUSING POLICY

Contact Bonnie Myers

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If you have any questions

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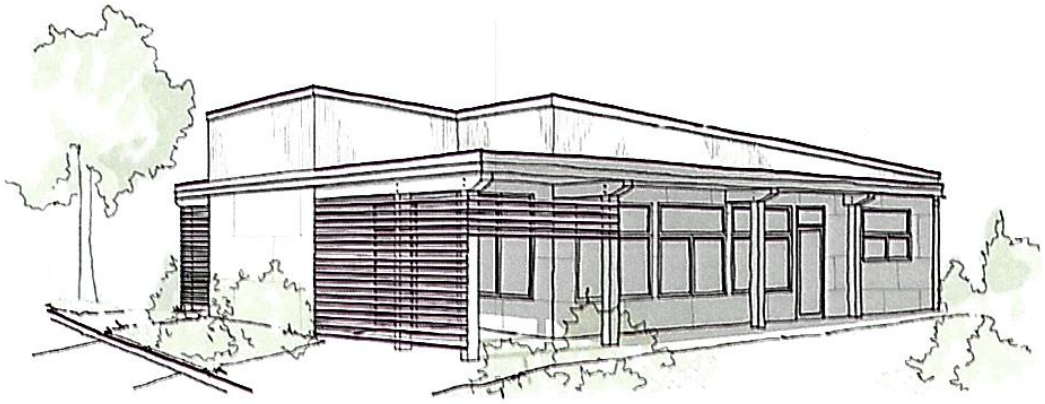
Yunesit'in Community Daycare

Community Daycare and Playground Project



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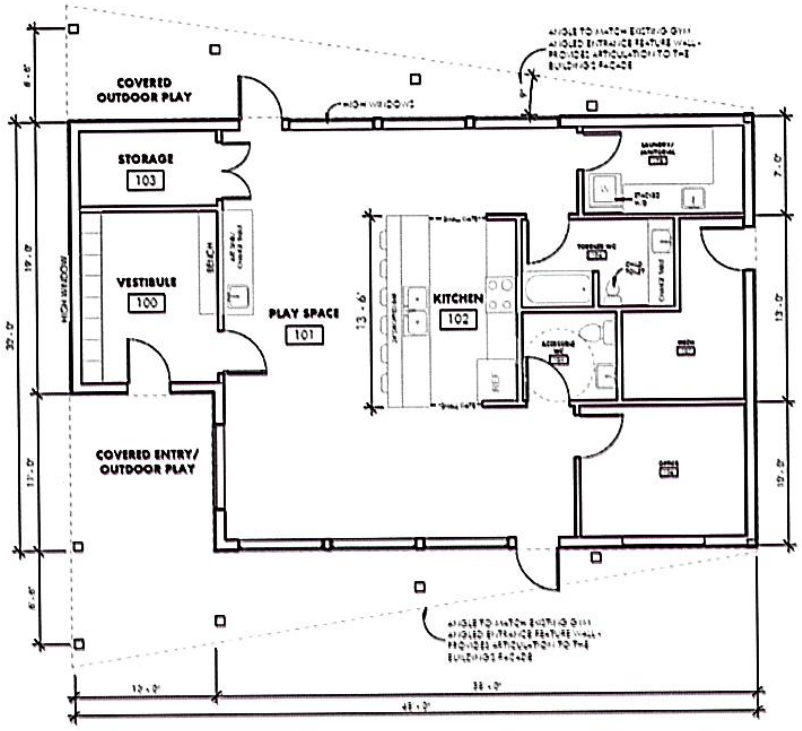
Community Update

May 2019



Yunesit'in Daycare

- Full-service daycare, conveniently located in the community
- Will include a playground and outdoor play space
- Design that matches gym and school esthetics
- Construction expected to be completed by Fall 2019

yunesitin mens wellness camp

welcoming all men to join in for some cultural events and healing and just recconect with each other and the lands or to just visit and catch up

Fletcher lake b.c

sweat lodges daily
mens nurse to adress mens health
drum making
fishing
hunting
camping
talking circle
horseshoe
recconect with ourselves and others

starts june 3rd to the 6th
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contact merle quilt 2503944041
or stop by the health center

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